

## CITY NEWS

The will of Peter Lavigne, late of Hinesburg, was proved in probate court Monday.

A settlement and decree in the estate of Katherine Panther, late of Williston, was ordered in probate court Friday.

Louis A. Melino and Ruth Madeline Eliau, both of this city, were married by the Rev. James S. Braker February 12.

John J. Enright yesterday purchased the house and lot at the corner of Buell and South Willard streets from Mrs. C. S. Isham.

Bishop-Coadjutor George V. Bliss was in Pawtucket, R. I. Sunday and confirmed three classes for Bishop Perry, who is in France.

Roy B. Lamson was appointed plumbing inspector at a meeting of the local board of health Monday evening to succeed H. S. Charron, resigned.

Lieut. Gaston Fichet of the class of 1918, U. V. M., has received his discharge from the field artillery and has returned to his home on Buell street.

A son, Warren Baker Collins, was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. Collins at the Mary Fletcher hospital on February 12, the anniversary of his father's birthday.

Lieut. Maurice Wilcox of the Coast Artillery Corps and a member of the class of 1916, U. V. M., has returned to his home in this city, having received his discharge.

Edward Patnaude announces that he is not a candidate for inspector of elections in the fourth ward, his name being used at the fourth ward democratic caucus without his knowledge.

J. E. Maynard, because of other duties, announced that he will not be a candidate for alderman from the third ward, for which office he was nominated by the democrats Saturday evening.

Ernest E. Duble, formerly chief yeoman in the United States navy, who was discharged from the service at New York Friday, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Duble, at their home at 63 King street.

Captain F. Vaughn Burgess, son of Mr. and Frederick E. Burgess of this city, has received the Distinguished Service Cross, word having been received Friday. Captain Burgess is now in Luxembourg.

In probate court Tuesday E. R. Rockwell of Burlington was appointed administrator of the estate of Jesse W. Rockwell, late of Burlington, with Daniel A. Loomis and George M. Herberg of this city commissioners and appraisers.

After 14 months' service in the flying school at Kelley Field, Texas, and Gertsner Field, Lake Charles, La., P. D. Dion has received an honorable discharge and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dion of North street.

A. E. Page, who has been covering Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont for the Standard Whelp company of Westfield, Mass., for the last 16 years, has accepted a position with the Searl Whelp company of the same place, which has bought out the Standard company.

C. S. Waugh, formerly connected with the Winooski mill of the American Woolen company, who is commissioned as lieutenant in the quartermaster's corps, U. S. A., is at present stationed at Barcelona, Spain, being there as expert inspector of woollens.

Two divorce petitions were filed in Chittenden county court Tuesday afternoon by Attorney Rufus E. Brown. They were Rana M. Britnell vs. William D. Britnell and Pearl L. McKennan vs. Michael J. McKennan. Both will be heard at the March term of court.

In probate court Thursday the following business was transacted: B. H. Mack of Shelburne was appointed executor of the will of Sarah M. Mack, late of that town, with Perry E. Russell and F. W. Blaisdell, also of Shelburne, as commissioners and appraisers.

A meeting of the board of aldermen was held yesterday afternoon and a resolution authorizing the city clerk to post to-day the check list for the March election was passed. The first meeting for the addition of names will be held on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Previous to his nomination as the democratic candidate for the office of alderman from ward two, Robert Cannon Monday night filed papers on an independent ticket for the same office. Mr. Cannon conducts a confectionery establishment at 72 Hyde street.

An eight by ten foot Guatemalan flag has been received at the office of Byron N. Clark, State secretary of the Y. M. C. A., being sent as a gift for Camp Abnaki by President Manuel Estrada. It is to be added to the collection of flags at the camp. Flags from other countries are expected shortly.

John M. Uns of Winooski has filed, through Attorney E. A. Ashland, a suit for divorce from his wife, Celia Simon Uns, in Chittenden county court. The couple was married on January 30, 1917, and parted company on February 27, 1917. The bill sets forth that Mrs. Uns has been unfaithful to her marriage vows.

Word was received in this city Tuesday of the arrival in New York from France of Lieut. Edmund Desautels. He was badly wounded in one leg but has so far recovered as to be able to walk. The lieutenant is now at Camp Dix, where he expects to be discharged soon, and will probably arrive in Burlington this week.

First Lieut. Percy S. Carpenter, formerly of the State Laboratory of Hygiene, is enjoying a short leave of absence from duty at the base hospital at Camp Kearney, San Diego, Cal., where he has been stationed for the last year. The long journey home was prolonged by being snowbound and without food for 36 hours on the Kansas prairies.

In probate court yesterday the following business was transacted: A settlement and decree in the estate of Mary E. Fitzgerald, late of Burlington, was ordered; Thomas Reeves of this city was appointed administrator of the estate of Ralph B. McKinney, late of Glen Falls, N. Y., with A. L. Sherman and C. S. Brownell of Burlington as commissioners and appraisers.

First Class Pvt. Harry C. Johnson, who has been stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., for the last eight months in the aviation section of the Signal Corps, has been honorably discharged and is visiting relatives at 78 South Willard street. He leaves in a short time for Pittsburg, Mass., where he will resume his position as draftsman with the C. H. Cowdry Machine Works.

An interesting program, consisting of music and readings, was given last evening at the regular meeting of Chittenden Temple No. 5, Egyptian Sisters, and following the meeting the annual election of officers of the "Past Chiefs" club was held, with the following result: Presi-

dent, Lena Brew; vice-president, Katherine Wright; secretary, Lillian P. Zottman; treasurer, Lena Curry. Dancing and refreshments followed.

Dr. Martin J. P. Paulsen of 31 School street, a former first lieutenant in the army, is to start the practice of medicine at Danville very soon. Dr. Paulsen is a graduate of the University of Vermont, College of Medicine, in the class of 1917, and has been an intern at the Mary Fletcher hospital for about a year.

He entered the medical corps of the United States army last July and served at Camp Greenleaf, Chattanooga, Tenn., from that time to December 1, when he was honorably discharged.

The Queen City Cotton mill closed down for the remainder of the week last night because of lack of business, but will open up Monday with full force to take care of what orders can be gathered in by that time. The American Woolen company is picking up some, but the force has only been increased by a few so far.

The mill men are doing the best they can to get orders enough to keep running until business comes back and as much of the old help as can be given employment is being taken on.

Pvt. Linwood Cunningham of 26 North Willard street is home on a 30 day furlough. He will return to Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Md., to undergo a serious surgical operation on his left eye, which was blinded by a piece of shell while under severe fire. The operation will make the second serious one which he has submitted to, the first one being about a month ago, after which tetanus set in. His life was despaired of for several days, but excellent care by army surgeons and nurses pulled him through.

S. E. Atherton, who has been manager of the Burlington Co-operative Milk Products' company plant at 194 Main street, has resigned and entered the employ of the Coon Ice Cream company as sales manager. Leon S. Morgan has succeeded Mr. Atherton in the management of the Co-operative Milk Products' company, and will vigorously carry on the aggressive business methods of the concern. The new manager, Mr. Morgan, is thoroughly familiar with the modern and scientific handling of milk and its products.

Word has been received at the university that Edward G. Spaulding of the class of 1914, and of the department of philosophy at Princeton, is a first lieutenant in the chemical warfare service; also that Albert F. Damer of the class of 1910 and of Limestone, Maine, is a captain in the medical corps and is in the hospital center at Camp Upton, Charles A. Smith of the class of 1908 is in the 30th machine gun battalion, Company A, with the 78th division in the American expeditionary forces and L. W. Douglas, ex-14, is a second lieutenant in Company M of the 2nd engineers, also of the A. E. F.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clarke of 46 George street have received word from their son, Corporal Leo Francis Clarke that he will not return with the 26th division for the reason that on January 22 he was transferred for duty with the American peace delegates. He went into the service with the 26th division, and was transferred with them to E. company, 101st ammunition train, of the 26th division. He is one of 32 to be selected from the regiment to do duty with the commission. The executive offices are at 4 Place de la Concorde, Paris, France, Hotel Crillon. Although he regrets not being able to return home with the others, he is anxious to get this experience.

The agents of the Prudential Life Insurance company in this district met at the Hotel Vermont Thursday to the number of 25 with six assistant superintendents and Superintendent James P. Kelley of this city. A session was held in the roof garden of the hotel in the forenoon and Division Manager C. Olasaga made an address. The meeting was held for the purpose of stimulating business, which already this year shows a substantial increase over a year ago. This district consists of Franklin, Chittenden, Addison and Rutland counties in this State and Clinton and Essex counties in New York. The agents had luncheon together at the hotel.

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Maynard of 8 Pine street left Tuesday noon for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend a month. They will then return to Burlington, where the doctor will again take up his practice. He went into the service in May, 1917, and has just obtained his discharge. The first 11 months of this time were spent in this country and the other ten months in foreign service in France. There he was with the famous Second Division and was with the Ninth Infantry on the Chateau-Thierry front during the famous month of June, which marked the turning point of the war. He then returned to his base hospital and remained there during the rest of the time he was in France and had a very active surgical service. Dr. Maynard was at the head of one of the operating teams at his hospital which was the nearest to any of that section of the line and which during the busy offensive functioned as an evacuation hospital. At this one hospital alone over 10,000 cases were taken care of in one week with no additions to the staff or personnel. Dr. Maynard having the direct care of the occupants of 20 beds in addition to the operative work.

VERMONT CASUALTIES

PVT. NEAL MORGAN

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Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clarke of 46 George street have received word from their son, Corporal Leo Francis Clarke that he will not return with the 26th division for the reason that on January 22 he was transferred for duty with the American peace delegates. He went into the service with the 26th division, and was transferred with them to E. company, 101st ammunition train, of the 26th division. He is one of 32 to be selected from the regiment to do duty with the commission. The executive offices are at 4 Place de la Concorde, Paris, France, Hotel Crillon. Although he regrets not being able to return home with the others, he is anxious to get this experience.

The agents of the Prudential Life Insurance company in this district met at the Hotel Vermont Thursday to the number of 25 with six assistant superintendents and Superintendent James P. Kelley of this city. A session was held in the roof garden of the hotel in the forenoon and Division Manager C. Olasaga made an address. The meeting was held for the purpose of stimulating business, which already this year shows a substantial increase over a year ago. This district consists of Franklin, Chittenden, Addison and Rutland counties in this State and Clinton and Essex counties in New York. The agents had luncheon together at the hotel.

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